



State Council on Libraries & Literacy
Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
100 N. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89701



Nancy Cummings-Schmidt, Chairperson
Tod Colegrove, Secretary

February 26, 2019

The Honorable Mark E. Amodei
United States House of Representatives
332 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Amodei,

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The Honorable Catherine M. Cortez Masto
United States Senate
204 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Cortez Masto,

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The Honorable Steven Horsford
United States House of Representatives
1330 Longworth HOB Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Suzanne Marie Kelley Lee
United States House of Representatives
522 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lee,

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United States Senate
G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rosen,

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The Honorable A. Dina Titus
United States House of Representatives
2464 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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